

CREP Economics - Forested Buffers on Pasturelands

Contract Period: 10 or 15 years

Buffer width:

- 35' to 100'
- (can extend to 300' in flood plain)

Practices:

- Fence out buffer with permanent fence.
- Develop alternative livestock water source(s)
- Plant buffer with 110 hardwood trees/acre (20'x20')
(planting cost is approximately \$814/acre)

\$ Returns to Landowner:

- Cost share = up to 75% of eligible installation costs (State portion limited to \$200/acre, \$ limits on certain practices: wells/springs=\$6000, pipelines=\$4000, troughs=\$4000, stream crossings=\$3000, fences=\$2.30/foot).
- Federal practice incentive payment of 40% of the total eligible cost of installation.
- State bonus of \$100/acre for 100' wide buffers.
- State tax credit of 25% of the total eligible costs contributed by the landowner (\$17,500 maximum credit).
- Federal signing incentive payment of \$10/acre/yr paid in lump sum when contract is signed.
- State rental payment of \$5/acre/year paid in lump sum when all practices have been installed.
- Annual Federal rental payments of \$73.20/acre for 10 or 15 years period (Fauquier County)

Optional Easement:

- Perpetual open-space easement payment of \$500 per acre.

Sign-up:

- Sign-up at your local Farm Service Agency.